GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FENCING OF BORDERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become the third country after Israel and the US to erect a two-tier border fencing, which proved to a highlight of the armed forces determination to deal with terrorism during 2004;

(b) if so, whether this two-tier fencing has also helped in reducing the terrorist activities in the States where insurgency was on increase;

(c) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to help the reduction in infiltration from Pakistan and Bangladesh;

(d) whether the fencing of the border with these countries have been fully completed; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(c): A double-row fencing is being erected along Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh Borders to prevent the trans-border movement of terrorists/infiltrators and other trans-border criminals. Flood lighting has also been provided along the fence on the Indo-Pak Border and in West Bengal Sector of the Indo-Bangladesh Border. In addition, the following steps have also been taken to prevent infiltration:

(i) Enhancing the force level on the border;

(ii) Setting up of new BOPs;

(iii) Round the clock surveillance of the border by carrying out patrolling, laying nakas and by deploying observation posts all along the borders;

(iv) Upgradation of intelligence network;

(v) Induction of surveillance equipment and night vision devices.

(d)&(e): No, Sir. On the Indo-Pak Border, out of 2008 Kms. of fence sanctioned, a length of 1734 Kms. has been completed and on the Indo-Bangladesh Border, a total of 1812 Kms. of fence has been completed against 3287 Kms. of fence sanctioned.